

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the pending Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-19, under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1, as allegedly failing to comply with written description requirement; and rejected claims 2-19, under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner indicated that claims 22-31 have been allowed.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants submit that, due to a clerical oversight, claims 2, 3, 6, 8, and 12 were inadvertently combined with claim 24 as opposed to being combined with claim 1. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 26, and 27 to correct the oversight. Of course, no new matter has been added.

Applicants further submit that entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, as the claim changes: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) *do not require any further consideration as the claim changes merely correct the incorporation of subject matter of dependent claims*; and (c) places the application in better form for an Appeal, should an Appeal be necessary.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 2-19 and 22-31 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the immediate withdrawal of the §112, ¶1 and §112, ¶2 rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.


If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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